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1. NIOC HAS NOW FORMALLY NOTIFIED CONSORTIUM REPRESENTATIVE HERE THAT CAPACITY IN AGREEMENT AREA WILL BE LIMITED TO 7.2 MMBD AND PRODUCTION TO 6.5 MMBD. UP TO NOW WE HAVE HAD NO REPORTS THAT EXPANSION PLANS OF JOINT VENTURES (PRINCIPALLY IPAC AND SITRIP) WILL BE CUT BACK. THESE ARE SCHEDULED TO INCREASE JOINT VENTURE PRODUCTION TO OVER 800,000 B/D BY 1977-78.

2. CONSORTIUM REPRESENTATIVE SAID COMPANIES CONSIDER THIS DIRECTIVE CLEAR VIOLATION OF 1973 AGREEMENT PROVISIONS ON PRODUCTION
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LEVEL. NIOC OF COURSE WLL REPLY THAT DECISION TAKEN FOR "TECHNICAL"

REASONS. CONSORTIUM REPRESENTATIVE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT GIVEN INCREASING "STATED QUANTITY" OF CRUDE FOR NIOC EXPORT (WHICH NIOC MAY WANT TO INCREASE STILL MORE) AND INCREASING DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS, PRESENT CAPACITY OF KHARG ISLAND EXPORT TERMINAL WILL PROBABLY BE EXCESSIVE BY LATER 1970'S. PLANS TO BUILD ADDITIONAL MILLION BARREL TANKS AND SECOND SEA ISLAND ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL HAVE TO BE ABANDONED.

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